



Invest in nature and eliminate taxes by gifting **Registered Retirement Funds**

“I have worked for the Nature Conservancy of Canada at different points in my career and continue to volunteer my time with the organization. I know first-hand that they are very good at what they do. I strongly believe in NCC’s mandate to protect natural areas in perpetuity. That is why I decided to support their future conservation work through my estate plans. When considering which type of assets to donate, my RRSP was the most tax-efficient option. I named NCC as one of the beneficiaries of my Registered Retirement Saving Plan and am confident that my gift will be wisely used accordingly to my wishes.” – Robert Alvo, Nature Legacy Society member

For many Canadians, contributing to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is one of the best ways to shelter an investment and save for the future. In Canada, RRSPs convert to Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) when an individual turns 71. Unfortunately, RRSPs/RRIFs are not the best assets to transfer your wealth to your children and grandchildren.

Although transferring the funds to a spouse is tax-free, the total value of the funds will be considered income in their estate and will be subject to the highest tax rate. See the example to the right.

The illustration demonstrates that the tax owed is nearly half the value of the entire fund. And yet, it is possible to reduce or possibly eliminate this tax liability when charitable giving is included in the estate plans.

By naming the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) as beneficiary, co-beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your RRSP/RRIF¹, your estate receives a tax receipt for the value of the gift that will generate a tax credit to offset the taxes payable by your estate. This allows you to support important conservation work thanks to the tax legislations incentivising gifts to charities.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR \$100,000 RRSP/RRIF?²



¹ Please consult your legal and financial advisor on the current provincial legislation before arranging this gift. Quebec residents, please note that the designation of the Nature Conservancy of Canada as beneficiary can only be made in your Will in order to receive the tax benefit of the charitable gift.

² Assuming a 45% marginal tax rate. Tax rates vary by province of residence.

**For more information on this type of gift, please contact us.
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